

WORKERS FILE OVERTIME SUIT, SEEK \$175,000

Judgments in excess of \$175,000, are being sought against Sanderson and Porter for alleged non-payment of overtime and damages in two suits filed yesterday in the United States district court at Chicago by 26 former employes of the Elwood Ordnance plant.

Five of the employes in the suit worked as guards in the plant production department while the other 21 served as inspectors, supervisors, chemists, and store-keepers. They are seeking the judgments against the company under the Fair Labor Standards act. Most of the plaintiffs are residents of Joliet and the surrounding communities.

IN THE complaints, filed thru Attorney John P. Haley of Joliet, the company is charged with failure to pay the employes for all time worked in excess of 40 hours at a rate of time and one-half. It is alleged further that the defendants refused to pay them a premium wage of double compensation for work on the seventh consecutive day in a regularly scheduled work week or for work performed on New Year's day, Memorial day, the Fourth of July, Labor day, Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

Listed as defendants in the two suits are: Setton Porter, Wynn Meredith, L. R. Shatuck, Robert L. Hamill, D. J. Walsh, Jr., Francis Blossom and Harrison Smith, co-partners doing business as Sanderson and Porter.

The guards who instituted one of the suits are Margaret A. Egan, Gladys M. Koerner, Mayona B. Nelson, Lucia Jane Pearson and Sarah C. Van Slyke.

EMPLOYES doing general work who filed the second suit yesterday are: William Blonske, Robert A. Brown, Daniel J. Bryan, Mildred Connelly Chatterton, John J. Dempsey, George T. Blum, Charles E. Farrington, Charles Willis Hickok, Jr., Cora P. Hollenbeck, Charles E. Kaplan, Samuel Koons, Jed Leo Mens, Dale S. Montgomery, John J. Murphy, John J. Neeley, Palmer E. Overholt, Laurence H. Patton, Roscoe R. Sidell, Russell L. Voss, Stevens W. Watson and Elmer G. Zost.

Similar suits have been filed in the district court in recent weeks against the operators of the Kankakee Ordnance Works.